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WELCOME TO METRO PHILLY

MORGAN ROUSSEAU, MANAGING EDITOR
Leaves are falling, we're drinking hard cider and the pumpkins are plump for the carving. Halloween is fast approaching, and this year, Metro has something special planned. Our special Halloween edition, dubbed MetroWeen, will include spooky stories, special Q&As and guides to help you celebrate Halloween in all its haunted glory. Furthermore, we have a pumpkin-carving contest that could score you a $100 Amazon gift card. See inside for details, or visit **Metro.us** to learn more.

POT FARMER'S DREAMS GO UP IN SMOKE

In California's newly legalized marijuana industry was hit hard by the deadliest blaze in state history. Fires consuming communities north of San Francisco have destroyed almost 30 pot farms in Sonoma, Mendocino and Napa counties and significantly damaged a similar number, according to the California Growers Association. Those are a fraction of the estimated 15,000 pot farms in the region. California is the source of most of the nation's illegal marijuana farming. Humboldt and Mendocino counties, in the cannabis-growing region known as the "Emerald Triangle," have led the state's production. California voters approved medical marijuana in 1996, despite a federal ban and last year approved recreational use of the drug by adults. Since then, the state has been developing rules to allow recreational sales.

DIPLOMACY TO CONTINUE UNTIL 'FIRST BOMB DROPS'

2 Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said that President Trump had instructed him to continue diplomatic efforts to calm rising tensions with North Korea, saying "those diplomatic efforts will continue until the first bomb drops." Speaking on CNN's "State of the Union," Tillerson downplayed messages that President Trump had previously posted on Twitter suggesting Tillerson was wasting his time trying to negotiate with "Little Rocket Man," a derogatory nickname Trump has coined for North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un. Trump "has made it clear to me to continue my diplomatic efforts," Tillerson said. Tillerson's comments Sunday come amid soaring tensions between the United States and North Korea following a series of weapons tests by Pyongyang and a war of words between the two countries' leaders.

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

3 A flag is draped on a burned truck in the fire-devastated Coffey Park neighborhood in Santa Rosa, California. At least 32 people are confirmed dead with hundreds still missing. Officials expect the death toll to rise, and now estimate that 5,700 structures have been destroyed.

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DEATH TOLL FROM BLASTS IN MOGADISHU TOPS 200

4 More than 200 people were killed by twin bomb blasts that struck busy junctions in the heart of Somalia's capital Mogadishu, officials said on Sunday, marking the deadliest attacks since an Islamist insurgency began in 2007. President Mohamed Abdullahi Farmaajo declared three days of national mourning and called for donations of blood and funds to victims of Saturday's attack. At least 100 others were wounded. "Today's horrific attack proves our enemy would stop nothing to cause our people pain and suffering. Let's unite against terror," he tweeted. Police said a truck bomb exploded outside a hotel in the K5 intersection that is lined with government offices, restaurants and kiosks, flattening several buildings and setting dozens of vehicles on fire.

DRONE HITS COMMERCIAL AIRLINER IN CANADA

5 A drone hit an airplane landing at a Quebec City airport this week, the first time an unmanned flying object has collided with commercial aircraft in Canada, Transport Minister Marc Garneau said on Sunday. No injuries were reported in the incident, which happened on Thursday at Jean Lesage International Airport and involved a plane belonging to Quebec-based Skyjet Aviation. "I am extremely relieved that the aircraft only sustained minor damage and was able to land safely," Garneau said in a statement. There were six passengers and two crew members on board the airplane at the time of the collision, according to local news media reports. Drones are not allowed within 3.4 miles of Canadian airports, helipads and seaplane bases. Operators who put aircraft at risk face steep fines and jail time under Canadian law.

MetroWeen's Trumpkin contest

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Jack-o'-lanterns light up the night

On Thursday night, 5,000 lit and carved jack-o'-lanterns sat on a field across from the Mann Center in West Fairmount Park. Each pumpkin was uniquely carved for The Glow — a "jack-o'-lantern experience." The experience starts at the beginning of a paved nature trail in between fields of thousands of carved and colored pumpkins. Sections of the trail included different themes: sea animals, celebrities, Philly icons, dinosaurs and more. Attendees could also catch a glimpse of the process at the live pumpkin tent where Glow employees carved jack-o'-lanterns. Of the 5,000 pumpkins on display, 500 of them were real and have been carved by The Glow employees. Tony Vitek, artist and carver for The Glow, said he carves anywhere between four and 50 pumpkins per day. The event will run until Oct. 29, and tickets can be found on The Glow website.

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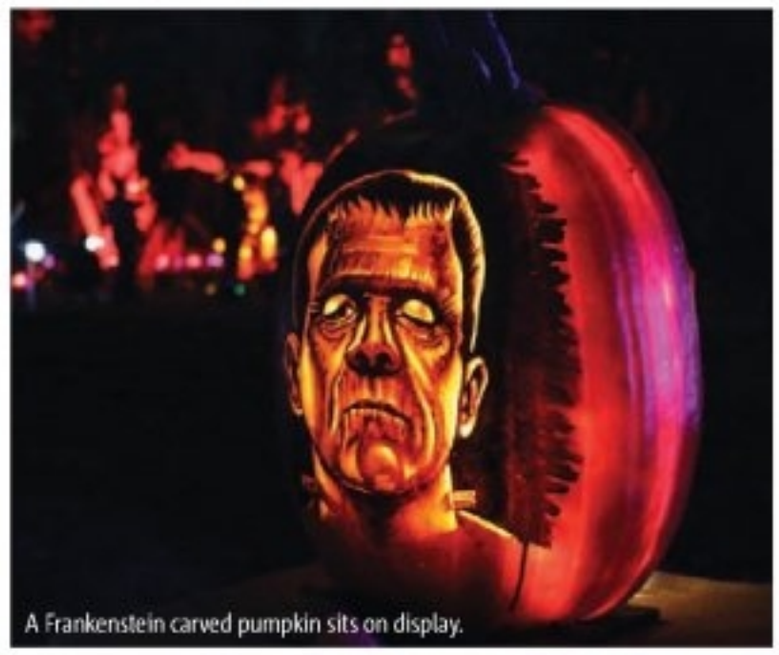
A girl poses for a photo outside the Ferris wheel section of the trail.



A Frankenstein carved pumpkin sits on display.

Pumpkins even featured local Philly graffiti artists' work – including Amberella's "goth hearts." ALL PHOTOS BY KAITLYN MOORE

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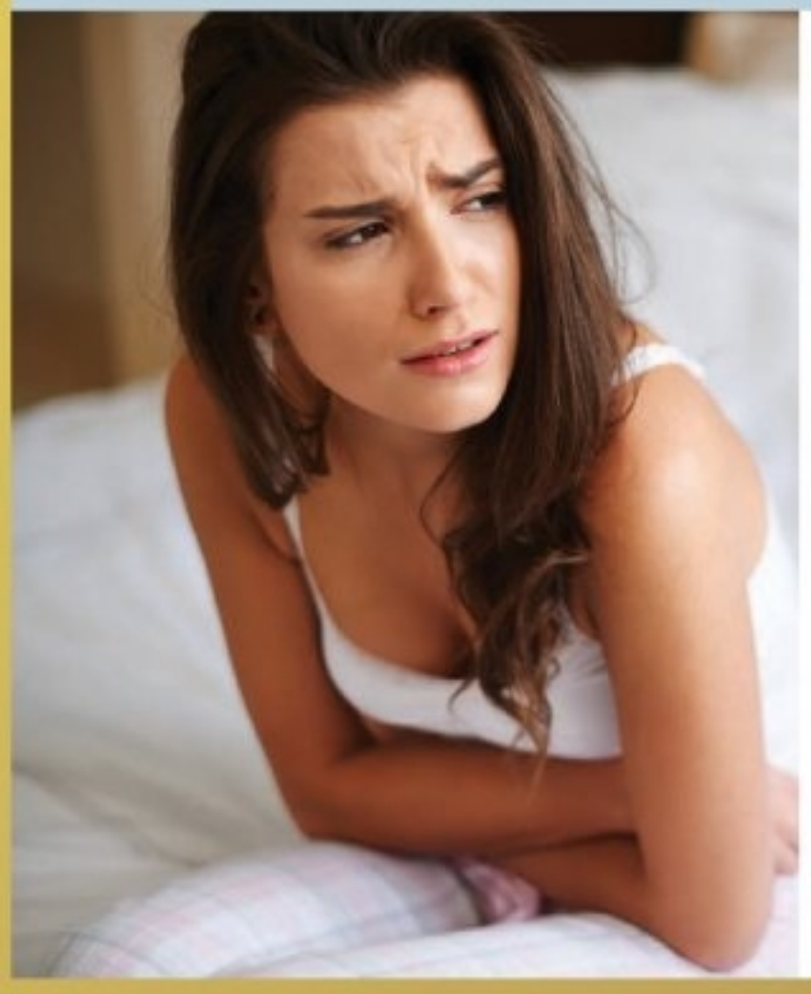

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‘Nightmare’ in North Philly daycare led to infant’s death, family says

The family of a 10-month-old girl who died in December 2015 in a North Philly daycare has filed a lawsuit.

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When you check your child in at daycare, you are leaving them in a stranger’s care.

And sometimes, tragically, in a nightmare.

In the case of 10-month old Jacera Counts, who fell sick in a daycare in North Philly in December 2015, medical care was just across the street at Temple University Hospital.

But instead, daycare workers left her lying in a bed, then took her out the back door and put her on the hood of the car where they attempted mouth-to-mouth. It was only after her uncle, who was passing by coincidence, recognized Jacera, scooped her up and ran with her 100 feet across the street to the emergency room — where staff pronounced her dead on arrival.

“Jacera Counts involves the nightmare of finding out where our children are going during the day,” said attorney Nadeem Bezar, who is representing the Counts family in a lawsuit against the daycare’s owners. “Why they didn’t call 911 or run the kid across the street? None of it makes sense.”

Sisters Child Care, which was on Germantown Avenue near Erie Avenue, was shut down by the state within a day of Counts’ death for that and a backlog of nearly 100 inspection violations. Owner Magnus Connor could not be reached for comment, and his attorneys did not respond to emails.

Bezar’s lawsuit claim that negligence among management at Sisters contributed to Jacera’s death. It alleges Sisters had insufficient staff for a clientéle of some 50 pre-K children, no staff properly trained in CPR, and an unclean ventilation system that could possibly have contributed to Jacera’s illness, which appeared to be respiratory in nature.

“We hope our suffering and experience will at least save lives,” said Thomasa Counts, Jacera’s grandmother, who has filed a lawsuit against the daycare’s owner, Magnus Connor.

Counts said the family misses Jacera terribly and still set a place at the table for her and includes her spirit in all of the family’s plans.

Employees reported noticing that Jacera was ill that morning.

“She had the sniffles. She must have got progressively sicker in the morning,” Bezar said. “She was not taking her formula, she was becoming lethargic and not as spunky as she might normally have been.”

Bezar claimed employee accounts of the day are inconsistent over details, whether or not she was still breathing midday and who did what. But no one ever called 911 after the child fell ill, or, he said, explain why they took the child “completely in the wrong direction of where there was a cure, across the street.”

Bezar emphasized that he supports affordable daycare and small businesses, but he strongly believes some small daycares need to realize that failing to invest more in CPR training, ventilation, surveillance cameras and other safety protocols can potentially lead to devastating loss later.

“We’re not talking about tremendous costs here,” Bezar said. “Let’s save some lives here.”

Thomasa Counts, left, and Jacera Counts’ sister Janiyah stand outside the abandoned play area at Sisters Child Care Center, where Jacera Counts died. KAITLYN MOORE

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Rex Tillerson addresses a keynote speech during the World Gas Conference in Paris on June 2, 2015. GETTY IMAGES

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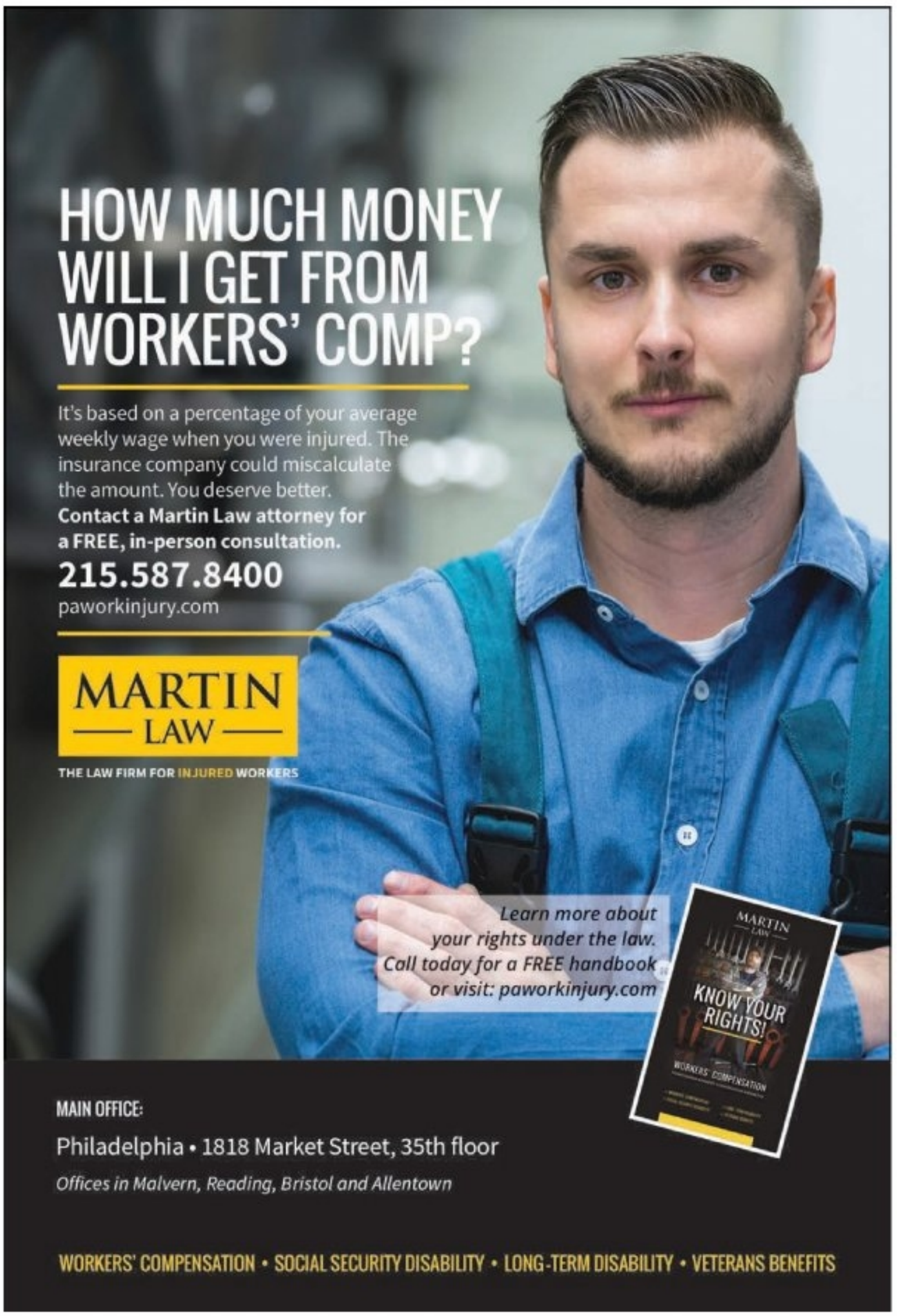
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So has Rex Tillerson been castrated or not?

It's never good when that's the question people are asking about you.

Republican Sen. Bob Corker was the one who first raised this painful possibility, charging that President Donald Trump had "publicly castrated" his own secretary of state over their differing approaches to North Korea. The alleged snip came after NBC reported that Tillerson had called the president "a moron" during a meeting at the Pentagon.

Ronald Reagan had sage advice for situations like this one. "Trust but verify," Reagan liked to say. Well, Tillerson must have had the Gipper in his ear on Sunday. He went on CNN to assert that he had done a thorough investigation and found no evidence to support the proposition that he had, in fact, suffered any such anatomical realignment.

"I checked," the normally low-key former Exxon-Mobil chairman told host Jake Tapper. "I'm fully intact."

Beyond the firm denial, Tillerson also had two pieces of evidence on his side. One was his deep Texas drawl. He didn't *sound* un-masculine. The other support came from character witness Lindsey Graham. The Republican senator from South Carolina said on CBS's "Face the Nation" that he didn't believe the

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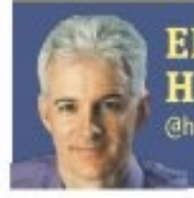

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claims that Tillerson was suffering from the unkindest cut of all.

"No, I don't agree with that," Graham said straight out, though he didn't explain exactly how he knew this. Were his inspections more or less hands-on than those, say, at the Iranian nuclear facilities?

Unfortunately, it was Tillerson himself who most undercut his own denial.

Despite Tapper's badgering, the beleaguered secretary of state twice refused to answer whether he had in fact called Trump "a moron." He wouldn't admit it. He wouldn't deny. He would only dodge.

"I call the president 'Mr. President,'" he lamely asserted.

When Tapper pressed the point, Tillerson scrambled to the last refuge of all cornered castrati.

"Jake, I'm not going to deal with that kind of petty stuff," he said. "I'm not dignifying the question with an answer."

No, that didn't sound macho at all.

Metro columnist Ellis Henican is the author of a dozen books including "Trumpitude: The Secret Confessions of Donald's Brain," which is being published next month. He is on Twitter @henican.

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Yellowstone supervolcano may errupt sooner than expected

If it erupts, it could shoot ash and other volcanic debris across the entire country.

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There's a chance a supervolcano could erupt at Yellowstone National Park a lot sooner than anticipated and destroy everything in its path.

According to researchers at Arizona State University, they examined fossilized ash and minerals and determined a supervolcano could erupt in a few decades. They noticed a change in the amount of fresh magma that was flowed into the reservoir underneath the volcano. The change in the amount of magma combined with changes in temperature caused significant build up in a shorter period of time than anticipated.

"We expected that there might be processes happening over thousands of years preceding the eruption," said Christy Till, Arizona State University geologist and researcher to the New York Times.

According to ZME Science, Yellowstone has erupted at least three times; the last time was approximately 630,000 years ago.

If a major volcanic eruption were to happen at Yellowstone, it has the ability to shoot 1,000 cubic centimeters of rock and ash, which happens to be 250,000 times more than the Mount St. Helens eruption in 1980. According to ZME Science, the effects could be devastating.

"If something like this happened today, it would be catastrophic," said Hannah Shamloo, a geologist at Arizona State University's School of Earth and Space Exploration said to Earth & Science News. "We want to understand what triggers these eruptions, so we can set up warning systems. That's the big-picture goal."

What is a Supervolcano?

According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), the term supervolcano is used to describe an eruption of magnitude 8 on the Volcano Explosivity Index. A volcano of this magnitude is capable of erupting 250 cubic miles of magma. Although the last time a supervolcano happened at Yellowstone was 630,000 years ago, a supervolcano did erupt 74,000 years ago at the Toba Caldera in Sumatra, Indonesia.

What could happen if a supervolcano erupts?

If a supervolcano were to erupt in the United States, it could emit ash and debris for thousands of miles across the country, causing damage to everything in its path.

Yellowstone National Park might be the location of a supervolcano in coming decades. GETTY IMAGES

TRUMP RE-ELECTION

Trump re-election campaign raised $10 million in third quarter, spent $1.1 million on legal fees

President Donald Trump's re-election campaign raised more than $10.1 million in the third quarter of 2017 and spent $4 million, including $1.1 million on legal fees.

Trump's campaign paid $237,924 to lawyer Alan Futerfas, who is representing Donald Trump Jr. in matters related to the campaign's involvement with Russian interference in the U.S. election. That payment came in addition to $50,000 paid the previous quarter to the same lawyer. Futerfas has not responded to repeated requests for comment about the payment.

The campaign paid $30,000 to Williams and Jensen, the law firm where Karina Lynch, who is also representing Trump Jr., works. Lynch did not respond to request for comment about the payment.

During the third quarter, Trump's campaign paid more than $25,000 to his own company for "legal consulting," as well as $800,000 to law firm Jones Day, which provides routine legal assistance to the campaign.

Trump filed for re-election the day he took office — allowing his campaign to continue to raise and spend money while he is in office. Traditionally, presidents have waited two years to officially file for reelection, providing no historic comparisons to his level of fundraising and spending.

His campaign has raised more than $36 million since January.

He has used that money to keep a small campaign staff, to fund rallies and to pay legal fees associated with some of the investigations into his 2016 campaign.

Of the donations, $1.2 million consisted of unitemized contributions, meaning money from donors who gave less than $200. Trump frequently touts the level of unitemized donations as proof that voters still support his campaign. REUTERS

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Trumpkins are pumpkins inspired by President Donald Trump. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Metro is launching its first-ever pumpkin-carving contest and we have a theme: Trumpkins.

In case you're unfamiliar, a Trumpkin (also known as a Trump-o'-lantern) is simply a Halloween jack-o'-lantern carved in the likeness of President Donald Trump. All in good fun, really. So much of the news cycle dominates politics, it's only natural that this year's Halloween pumpkins be presidential. They can be silly, they can be serious, they can have blonde wigs and ties. Get creative.

And if you have aversion to knives, don't worry, we'll consider painted pumpkins as well.

#MetroWeen is coming

Submit photos of your carved pumpkins on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram using the hashtag #MetroWeen, or email photos to Morgan@metro.us. Check out our MetroWeen edition on Thursday, Oct. 26 to see the winning Trumpkin and to check out the rest of our special Halloween coverage.

Until then, here are some Trumpkin photos, for inspiration.

Pumpkin carving tips

For the novice pumpkin-carver, here are some helpful tips, via Good Housekeeping.

1. Choose a round, fresh pumpkin with a flat bottom and a sturdy stem.
2. Use a boning knife to cut out the lid on an angle.
3. Scoop out the seeds and pulp using a claw and thin down the inner wall to 1¼-inches thick.
4. Hold the pumpkin in your lap as you carve, and don't cut on a slant.
5. Use a small saw to make intricate designs.
6. Amazon sells pumpkin carving kits for as low as $8.

Metro's winning Trumpkin will be revealed on Oct. 26.

HOW TO ROAST PUMPKIN SEEDS

After your Trump-o'-lantern is finished, the fun continues. Now it's time to clean then roast the pumpkin seeds for satisfying autumn snacking (via All Recipes)

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees.
2. Mix pumpkin seeds in a bowl with melted butter and salt.
3. Spread seeds on a baking sheet and add any seasoning you'd like (cinnamon and sugar, or parmesan and oregano).
4. Bake until golden brown (about 45 minutes) stirring occasionally.

Pro tip: Cover with tin foil to help them cook evenly.

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THE CYNICAL FLOOD

TOM FOREMAN
Analysis

I try not to grow more cynical as each year passes, but I'm conscious and I live in D.C. — so that's like trying to not get wet when you fall into a creek. Accordingly, the Harvey Weinstein saga has me swimming in cynicism.

Weinstein is a Hollywood mogul who is a major donor and supporter for big league Democrats. Well, he was. Now he's drowning in sexual harassment/assault accusations from women who suggest he used his star power to pressure them. Weinstein denies it, but he's also been fired from his own company, his wife says she's leaving him and his representative confirmed he is entering rehab, so take that as you will.

This nasty business has a tough question seeping into the D.C. scene: why have Democrats been so slow in speaking up, especially considering how long they have positioned themselves as champions of women? To be sure, some quickly denounced Weinstein's alleged behavior and said they'll return his donations. But plenty of others are taking a long time to say anything. Cue the drumroll of cynicism; I think there are several reasons.

First: political power players almost never turn on one of their own unless they are absolutely certain his/her power is gone. As long as Weinstein has even a remote chance of rebuffing the charges and regaining his mojo, many Democratic insiders don't want to cross him.

Second: a lot of these folks stood super close to Weinstein until quite recently and this is a big embarrassment. So rather than confront the hard questions that will follow a direct denunciation — like, "Hey, isn't that a photo of you and Harvey on your office wall? Ever notice anything creepy?" — it's easier to toss the picture and practice saying "Harvey who?"

And third: they don't want to discuss Bill Clinton and his accusers again.

Before you Twitter-rant on me, let me say this is not partisan. I have no doubt Republicans would've done the same. Rather, this sordid mess lays bare the ugly reality that for all the talk about principles in this town, Weinstein's greatest sin in a political sense is that he has tainted his money and imperiled his influence.

And without those? Well, let's just say loyalty in D.C. is never thicker than a checkbook.

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Macron urges the French to value success, rejects 'president of rich' tag

In his first months in power, Macron has defied street protests to loosen France's labor laws, moved to scrap the wealth tax and cut housing aid.

French President Emmanuel Macron
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President Emmanuel Macron on Sunday said he was a president of all the French, dismissing opponents' criticisms that his policies favor the rich and said his countrymen should adopt a more positive attitude toward success.

His sometimes forthright style has forced him to fend off accusations that he holds the working class in contempt, Macron said he was a leader who would "keep saying things as they are."

The 39-year-old, whose election win sidelined France's mainstream political parties and tore apart the country's traditional left-right divide, sought to reassure left-wing voters in his first live TV interview since taking office in May.

"We're taking care of the France where things aren't going well," Macron said. "I'm doing what I said I would do during the election campaign."

Macron angered unions last week with outspoken comments he made during a visit to a car parts factory, where scuffles erupted between police and workers protesting over job losses.

He said that reforms to overhaul France's unemployment insurance and professional training systems, which will be discussed in the next few weeks, would help the most in need while encouraging social mobility and merit.

Macron said the aim of scrapping the wealth tax was to help to retain talent in France and encourage the wealthy to invest.

"For our society to get better, we need people who succeed. We shouldn't be jealous of them, we should say: 'fantastic,'" he said.

But the move has prompted opponents to label the former investment "president of the rich". REUTERS

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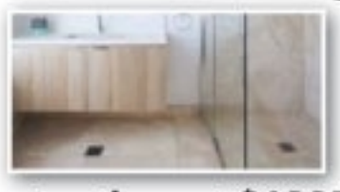

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T-Mobile, Sprint aim to announce merger without asset divestitures

T-Mobile U.S. Inc. and Sprint Corp. plan to announce a merger agreement without any immediate asset sales, as they seek to preserve as much of their spectrum holdings and cost synergies as they can before regulators ask for concessions, according to people familiar with the matter.

While it is common for companies not to unveil divestitures during merger announcements, T-Mobile's and Sprint's approach shows that the companies plan to enter what could be challenging negotiations with U.S. antitrust and telecommunications regulators without having made prior concessions.

Reuters reported last week that some of the U.S. Justice Department's antitrust staff were skeptical about the deal, which would combine the third and fourth largest U.S. wireless carriers. However, regulators can only begin reviewing a corporate merger once it has been agreed to and announced.

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T-Mobile and Sprint are preparing a negotiating strategy to tackle demands from regulators regarding asset sales, including the divestment of some of their spectrum licenses after their deal is announced, the sources said.

The companies' announcement of a merger agreement, currently expected to come either in late October or early November, will focus on the potential benefits of the deal for U.S. consumers, including the advancement of next-generation 5G wireless technology, which requires considerable investment, the sources added.

The sources asked not to be identified because the deliberations are confidential. T-Mobile and Sprint declined to comment.

"It is better for Sprint and T-Mobile to listen and learn the concerns of regulators first and see whether there is anything that can be done to address those concerns," MoffettNathanson research analyst Craig Moffett said.

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7 Celebs banned or suspended by Twitter

Last week, Twitter suspended actress Rose McGowan's account for allegedly violating the site's policies, prohibiting her from tweeting, retweeting or liking posts for 12 hours, and the internet was not having it.

The timing was curious: McGowan had been vocal online all week about Harvey Weinstein's sexual-assault allegations — tweeting about his misconduct toward her and other women in Hollywood and accusing Ben Affleck of feigning ignorance about Weinstein's history of violating women. Celebs, including Jessica Chastain and Jamie Lee Curtis, were outraged that the platform would silence McGowan, a victim speaking out about sexual abuse, yet stand by as our commander-in-chief threatens nuclear war and constantly denounces the media.

On Thursday, Twitter issued a statement revealing that it had blocked McGowan because she had tweeted a private phone number, which is, in fact, against Twitter policy. Still, many users elected to stay off the site on Friday in honor of McGowan's campaign, #WomenBoycottTwitter. Which other celebs have been suspended or banned by Twitter, and why? Here are six more famous folks who've been flagged by the little blue bird. METRO

Rose McGowan
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Courtney Love

In 2009, the "Doll Parts" singer went on a Twitter rant against designer Dawn Simorangkir, calling her "a drug-pushing, thieving prostitute with a history of assault and battery." Simorangkir responded by suing her in 2011. In the midst of the anti-defamation suit, Twitter suspended Love's account, which was under @CourtneyLoveUK. It's still suspended, but now she tweets @Courtney.

Christopher Walken

The "True Romance" actor certainly gives off an eccentric vibe, but in 2009, Twitter discovered he wasn't responsible for posting bizarro, beloved tweets to the account @Walken20. To the dismay of the account's tens of thousands of followers, Twitter temporarily suspended it, because impersonation is against Twitter policy. Walken is still not online. And who can blame him.

Adele

Even Adele?!? OK, the "Rumor Has It" crooner wasn't actually banned by the platform itself, but rather, her managers. She apparently had a bad habit of tweetin' while boozin' (don't we all?). Now, while she still writes her own tweets @Adele, they are approved and posted by her management.

Azealia Banks

The ever-trolling singer had her account suspended after she tweeted racist and homophobic comments at "One Direction" heartthrob Zayn Malik (for shame!). Slay-Z is a notorious provocateur online and has also feuded with Rihanna, Iggy Azalea, Lady Gaga, Pharrell ... and the list goes on. Her account is still suspended, which is probably for the best.

50 Cent

The "Candy Shop" rapper (real name Curtis Jackson) had his TwitPic (an app that lets you post photos and video to Twitter) account suspended when he tweeted "Y'all like my Kim K burger?" alongside a crass Photoshop with a hamburger in place of her behind. Real classy. In time, Jackson's account was reactivated and he apologized and warned that his content was strictly for "motherf-ckers ages 18 and older."

Clint Eastwood

Shortly after the 2016 election, the account @EastwoodUSA was suspended following a few pro-Trump tweets, namely, "Thank you America, I don't have long left to live but now I know the last few years will be great, I can't thank you enough #PresidentTrump." Conservatives were up in arms, alleging liberal bias, but Twitter flagged the account because it was fake. The "Gran Torino" director is 84 years old and, according to his daughter, has no idea how it.

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In praise of the f—kbois of 'Jane the Virgin'

Jane certainly has a type. ALL PHOTOS MICHAEL DESMOND/THE CW

And five reasons we appreciate Jane's newest beau, Adam.

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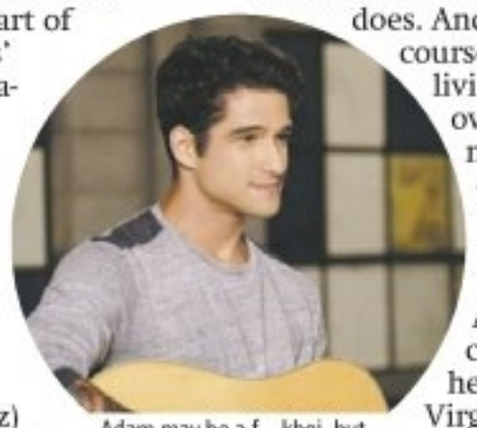
Even after four seasons, plus the loss of the titular character's titular virginity, "Jane the Virgin" still manages to find fresh takes on love, loss and telenovelas. Friday night's premiere was no different.

The start of the series' fourth season gives us an appreciable dosing of Adam (Tyler Posey) Jane's (Gina Rodriguez) first love. It also gives us some will-they-won't-they-OK-they-won't-right with Jane and her baby's father, Rafael (Justin Baldoni). And Jane follows the desire that lies deepest in her heart. She goes for a f—kboi.


Adam may be a f—kboi, but he's a really hot one, so it's fine.

Of course, this isn't her first time at the rodeo. Jane's decision is basically just pitting one f—kboi against another. Rafael is the OG of f—kbois as far as "Jane the Virgin" is concerned. And Adam, with his hot face, "I'm a real artist" vibes and history of commitment issues, is a similar species.

Here are all the ways in which Adam the f—kboi is a sparkling magical unicorn who also happens to be kind of the worst. And why that's the best.

1. He has his own narrator
Nobody will ever replace our beloved narrator. And while Adam's isn't as good, he totally would have his own background cheerleader excusing his "bad boy" ways and those bad tattoos.

2. No seriously, the tattoos are so bad.
The one where he's turned his ex's name "Heather" into "Heathen?" Frankly, unacceptable, but very on-brand, vegan f—kboi wise.

3. He loves astrology.
Because of course he does. And of course he's living in his own telenovela, called "Adam the Virgo." And of course he's a Virgo!

4. The fearless way he wears those beanies in the flashbacks.
And he's not at all ashamed. He wears those knitted slouchy hats, in very temperate Miami, with pride. It's almost inspirational. Almost.

5. Abuela and Xo don't like him at all.
The premiere does a lot of work establishing Adam as [ahem] a bad boy who loves astrology. He actually doesn't seem that awful, though except for the thing where he broke up with 18-year-old Jane on what was supposed to be their wedding day.

Until it turns out he did it because he got phone calls from Abuela and Xo telling him that he absolutely could not marry Jane, at least. What's hotter than a guy that neither your mother or her mother approve of? Literally nothing.

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The 'Crazy Ex-Girlfriend' guide to revenge

What to do after you're left standing at the altar, based on the season 3 premiere.

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Rachel Bloom as Rebecca in in the season opener, "Josh's Ex-Girlfriend Wants Revenge." TYLER GOLDEN/THE CW

Say you've been left at the altar by the love of your life like Rebecca Bunch (Rachel Bloom) in front of your closest family and friends. You'd be devastated, right? You might get rip-roaring drunk, talk smack about your ex with your friends or, if you live life in a musical like Rebecca does, you might break into a perfectly choreographed song expressing your heartbreak.

Of course Rebecca breaks into a song — this is "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend," a series that broaches unrequited love through song and dance — but not before she disappears for a while, leaving best friend Paula (Donna Lynne Champlin) to deal with the fallout.

But once Rebecca comes back, armed with a song about her desire for revenge, she goes dark quickly. Mostly, she's plotting a diabolical revenge against her ex-fiancé, Josh Chan (Vincent Rodriguez III). You know, the one who ran away to go to Priest School in last season's finale.

Here are all of the best ways to get revenge after getting stood up by an ex from the season-three premiere.

Get an "evil" makeover
We all know the best way to make your ex jealous is to look fabulous. So be like Rebecca and get an evil makeover. And although you might not notice much of a difference in Rebecca's appearance, it's there, trust us. Because the real key to a successful eviiiiiiiiiiiiiiii (as in the Doctor) makeover is making sure your reveal is dramatic, so that everyone sees how fabulous — and evil — you look.

Make a fake sex tape
If your ex-fiancé has run off to become a priest, what's the best way to take him down? Say, a good old fashioned sex scandal might work! Just make sure you find an actor who looks enough like your ex — and don't be shy about getting naked yourself to make this work. It may be a risky approach, but we're sure it will ruin lives. Just be careful that it's not your life.

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sage. And sometimes, that strong message is your poop, in a plastic container, with a note that says it's cupcakes — and that the recipient shouldn't smell them before eating them. This idea may be crazy, but sometimes you have to make a stink to get your point across.

Go old fashioned and sue him

If you're a lawyer like Rebecca, suing your former fiancé makes a lot of sense. Why should he get away with leaving you high and dry in front of an audience? Plus, if your BFF is a paralegal-slash-law-student, you can totally just coast and let her handle all of the details. It's a perfectly mature solution and might even help you to garner the attention of the press!

Take the high road

This is the safest option. It shows that you're cool, calm and collected. Some people might even call you an adult. You can move on with your life and no one will ever find out your deepest, darkest secrets — like the secrets in the folder your stalker handed to your fiancé just before the wedding. Then again, taking the high road is a lot less fun.

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Erasing inequality from our public schools

How an ex-principal is challenging the myths around the concept of "college for all."

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Children have always been fed that age-old line that if they work hard enough in school, they can do anything they want in life. But even kids know this isn't always the case. There are obstacles that are just unavoidable for those who are not born into privilege.

The truth is: the cards are stacked against children born into racial inequality and low-income households when it comes to getting into and receiving assistance from some of the country's best schools.

Educator and author Linda F. Nathan witnessed this first-hand during her time as co-headmaster of the Boston Arts Academy. In her book "When Grit Isn't Enough: A High School Principal Examines How Poverty and Inequality Thwart the College-for-All Promise," Nathan is out to disprove many of the myths that are told to children and to speak bluntly about some of the of the harsh realities of the disparity of race and class in our society.

"I was really trying to take on this idea that we think that success is individually determined," says Nathan. "But we don't think enough about structural inequality, racism, poverty and all of the reasons why your children may not be schooled."

Nathan interviewed over 90 BAA alumni to learn which roadblocks they encountered after graduating and was equally blown away and heartbroken by the data she received. She split the book into five chapters devoted to the most popular myths she encountered in her conversations: "Money doesn't have to be an obstacle"; "race doesn't matter"; "just work harder"; "everyone can go to college"; and "if you believe, your dreams will come true."

She found the majority of her students who were not given as many advantages as the top percent were either not accepted or given the necessary financial assistance from colleges and universities despite their capabilities. "Colleges for the most part, while many of them say, 'We want you, we want you' — many of those colleges really don't," she says. "They don't give them enough money to attend, and when they get there, there is very little support for a lot of kids."

She says that because colleges keep such a stringent acceptance they do not have the same standard for producing capable members of society.

"We hold public-school educators accountable for their outcome, I think colleges should be held accountable too. Not that they're not, but I've heard too many stories that have left me cold."

Nathan believes high schools should offer meaningful and realistic ways to enter the middle class, such as apprenticeship programs or hands-on technical training. "In this country, the way that it is rigged," she explains, "is everyone needs something after high school. A high school degree doesn't cut it anymore."

For the book's release, Nathan will be bringing this message to the people on a speaking tour kicking off at Emerson College on Oct. 17.

"Our whole democracy is at stake here," she says. "I don't want to part of a world where the only way you can get ahead is because of your skin color or the social class you were born into."

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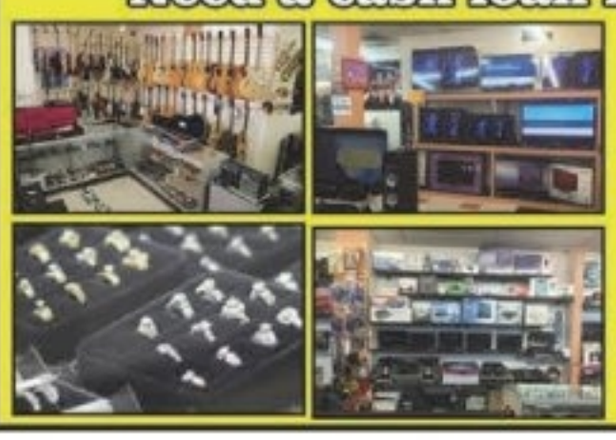

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Flyers' Laughton has resuscitated his career

Don't overlook Flyers' Scott Laughton — a key contributor to the team's early season success.

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Flyers General Manager Ron Hextall raised eye brows when he chose to protect Scott Laughton in the expansion draft over the summer.

The 2012 first-round draft pick scored seven goals and had 14 assists in 71 games with the Flyers in 2015-16, but Laughton languished the entire season last year with the Lehigh Valley Phantoms. Although it looked, from the outside at least, that his value to the organization had plummeted, nothing could have been further from the truth.

By the end of last year, Hextall knew Laughton had improved his defensive game and possessed the potential to play a significant role with the Flyers.

It's a small sample size, but Laughton has proved his GM's decision to not expose him to the Las Vegas Golden Knights was a shrewd one. Laughton earned a roster spot out of training camp as the center on the fourth line and through the first five games of the regular season has shown he belongs in the NHL.

"Every good young player is going to have a different path," Flyers coach Dave Hakstol said. "They have to get here when they are ready. Scott is playing well for us right now. He hit bumps in the road last year, handled them extremely well and he's the one who deserves the credit for putting himself back in this position."

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SCOTT LAUGHTON'S FIRST EVER SHORT-HANDED GOAL CAME SATURDAY AGAINST WASHINGTON.

Instead of hanging his head after the demotion, Laughton used the detour to the minors as an opportunity to improve his defensive game, which he admitted he "lost a bit" two years ago.

"It was tough at the start after spending a full year in the NHL," Laughton said. "I tried to build off my game and get better every day. I think it's been good so far."

It's been better than that. In Saturday's rousing 8-2 win against the Capitals in the home opener, he scored his first two goals of the year — and the first one was a highlight reel play.

With the game knotted at 1-1 and the Flyers on the penalty kill, Laughton beat Capitals goalie Philipp Grubauer in a foot race for a loose puck and made an acrobatic play to sweep around the netminder and tuck the puck in the net. He also has one assist, is tied for third on the team in shots and averages about 13 minutes a game.

"He looks like he's a lot more confident," said Wayne Simmonds. "I think he knows his role and what's expected of him. He's gotten a ton of offensive time and has been put in a position to succeed."

Is Scott Laughton bound to be a top-line NHL forward? GETTY IMAGES

While Laughton has resuscitated his career, he cautioned that the season is still very much in its infancy.

"It's only been five games this year," Laughton said. "I have to maintain it and remain consistent."

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After embarrassing fourth loss, Owls football season on the ropes

Will the Owls be able to find a way to win three more games to become bowl eligible?

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The Owls will have an uphill battle as they try and earn a bowl berth this winter. GETTY IMAGES

Maybe it wouldn't have made a difference.

Maybe Temple still would've lost to Connecticut Saturday even if first year coach Geoff Collins had decided to let usually reliable Aaron Boumerhi try a field goal to make it a one-point game on fourth-and-seven rather than unsuccessfully go for it with still 4:30 to go.

Maybe the defending American Athletic Conference champs would still be 1-3 in League play and just 3-4 overall had Collins used one of his two remaining timeouts on defense with around 2:00 left, rather than let the Huskies run off nearly a minute before finally stopping the clock. Instead, by the time the Owls finally got the ball back when UConn missed a field goal, they had only 55 seconds to drive 80 yards for the winning touchdown, and only got as close as the UConn 42 before a desperation fourth down Hail Mary failed.

It's not second guessing if you anticipate things before they happen. But following a 28-24 loss that leaves Temple in serious jeopardy of not even being bowl eligible coming off back-to-back 10 win seasons, Collins defended his moves.

"We wanted to go ahead and get the touchdown and if we didn't get it we had them backed up," Collins said. "We felt we could get the points to go up — and then it didn't happen."

If Boumerhi wasn't disappointed about not being given the chance to make it 28-27 with 4:31 left, conceivably setting the stage for last minute heroics, he wasn't saying.

"I thought maybe we'd kick, but I trust whatever the coach calls," said Boumerhi, 8-for-11 for the seasons after nailing a 21-yard field goal making it 28-24 early in the fourth. "I understand the play call. I don't care if I kick any field goals. I just want to win."

While poor decision making down the stretch assured that wouldn't happen in this one, the Owls' never should've been in such dire straits in the first place. UConn was coming off a 70-31 loss at home to Memphis and had been outscored 198-115 the last four games. But Temple struggled all day against the Huskies, despite outgaining them 473-244. As a result the 3-4 Owls have put themselves in a bind. With their next two games against the service academies, 5-2 Army and 5-2 Navy, followed by Cincinnati, Central Florida and Tulsa, the Owls have little margin for error.

"It's always disappointing when you have a loss, but we're going to bounce back," insisted Jr. running back David Hood. "We're not really thinking about being bowl eligible. We've just got come out with energy. Play the first quarter like it's the fourth."

"We've just got to stay positive," added Ryquell Armstead. "At the end of the day we're going to win six games."

Maybe next time. But for now, Temple's season is suddenly on the ropes.

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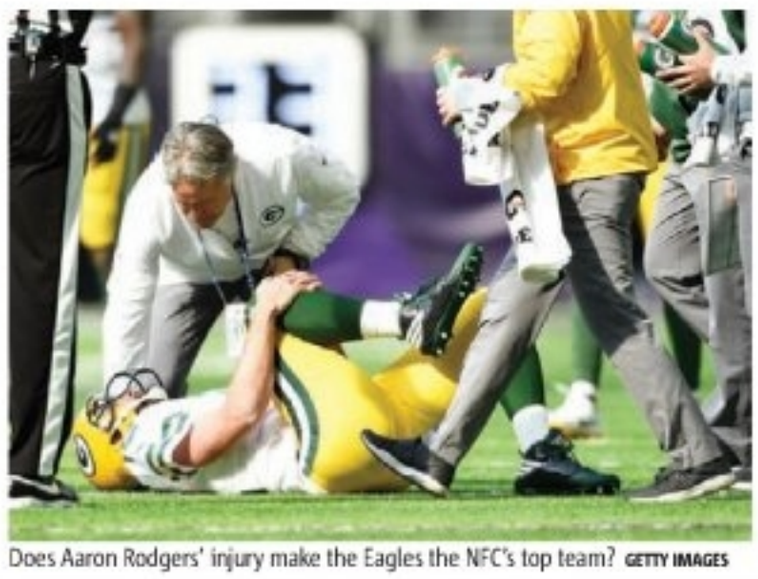
NFL Round up: Packers lose Rodgers, Redskins hang on

An Eagles' mini-bye week — with the team relaxing during an 11-day fluke of the schedule between Thursday's 28-23 win in Carolina and their Week 7 Monday night game at home vs. Washington — had no shortage of pertinent outcomes for Philly fans to be mindful of.

Here's a quick whip around the league with a focus on games that directly impact the Eagles' trek for a playoff berth and NFC East crown.


Does Aaron Rodgers' injury make the Eagles the NFC's top team? GETTY IMAGES

Vikings 23, Packers 10: The diagnosis was a broken collarbone, potentially the worst possible news for the Green Bay faithful. After losing Aaron Rodgers early, back up Brett Hundley threw three interceptions. The Packers' defense did no favors either as two touchdowns from Jerick McKinnon proved the difference.

Redskins 26, 49ers 24: In a weird, wild game that came down to the final plays, a subpar Kirk Cousins performance was lifted by terrible quarterback play from Brian Hoyer, who was benched for C.J. Beathard. Two Cousins touchdowns helped make the Skins the second NFC East team above the .500 mark, now two games behind the Eagles.

Saints 52, Lions 38: You'd expect a shootout between Matthew Stafford and Drew Brees, but this one was a little ridiculous as eight turnovers overshadowed five combined passing touchdowns. Mark Ingram has 115 yards and two touchdowns as well to pace the Saints, now 3-2 and in the thick of the playoff hunt.

Patriots 24, Jets 17: The Jets led 14-0 early and nearly made it a game in the fourth quarter when a would-be touchdown was poked out and ruled a fumble out of the back of the end zone. As a result, the Patriots hang on to a 4-2 record in a lackluster AFC East.

Bears 27, Ravens 24 (OT): Joe Flacco had a bad day, but the Ravens defense almost made up for it, forcing three turnovers. But Jordan Howard's 167 yards and a game-winning 71-yard drive for a field goal in overtime gave Mitch Trubinsky his first NFL win.

Dolphins 20, Falcons 17 24: The Fins shocked the defending NFC champs by closing a 17-point gap Matt Ryan threw a crucial interception with the Falcons in position to score with 39 seconds left.

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34 Farm flapper
35 Harmful bacteria
38 Courtyards
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49 Magnate
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56 Familiarize
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71 Junior-to-be
72 Bauer or Murphy
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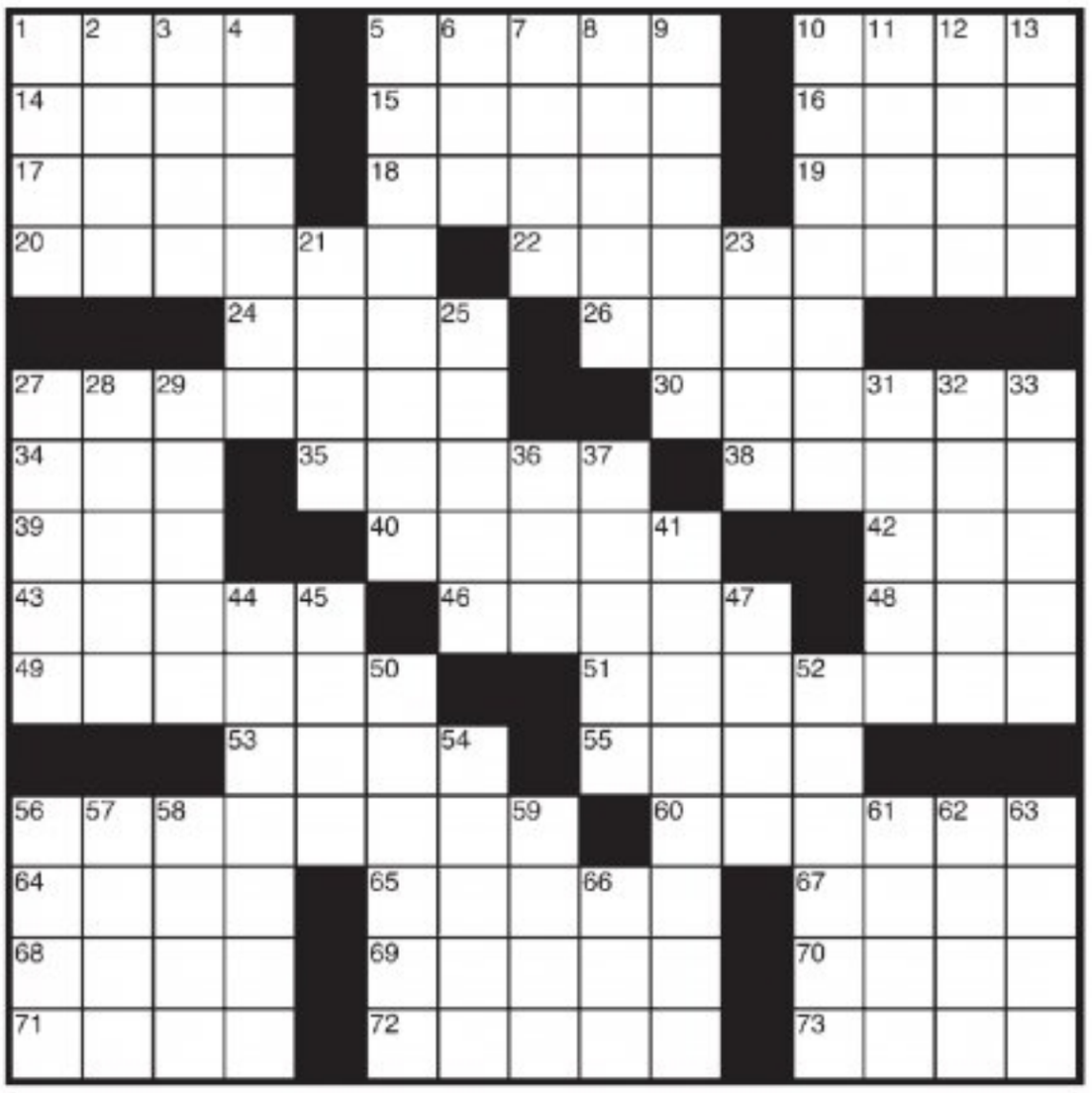

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Aries Talks will bring about a change that will help you make decisions regarding work, co-workers, and your health and relationships.

Taurus Add to your qualifications. Bone up on the latest technology. Be prepared to push your way into a better position or to take on more responsibilities.

Gemini Patience will be needed when dealing with children, a loved one or a friend. Keep in mind that everyone has bad days and that comfort will help.

Cancer Avoid temptation. Stick close to home and the people you know and trust. If you seek change, move things around at home or clear a space and pursue a hobby.

Leo Keep your life simple and organized. Look at change as a positive, not something to make a fuss over. Making personal improvements should be your goal.

Virgo Use your imagination to come up with ways to pass the time. Enjoying the company of someone who shares your concerns will lead to a great friendship.

Libra Practical choices will spare you from uncertainty and unexpected changes in relationships with friends, relatives and partners.

Scorpio How you handle or work with others will determine how much you get out of your day. You can stand out if you present your plans in a relatable way.

Sagittarius Information will be foggy at best and not likely to give you what you need. Deception will prevail if you don't ask direct questions.

Capricorn Work hard to finish some lingering projects. Taking care of business and negotiating personal or professional contracts will help put your mind at ease.

Aquarius Accepting what comes your way and dealing with it one step at a time will help you maintain control and make progress. Choose peace and love over chaos.

Pisces Business and personal relationships will be in the spotlight. Decisions regarding a tricky situation will help ease personal stress. EUGENIA LAST

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